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Stellingen

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1. COPD is not solely a smokers disease (this thesis).
2. Cigarette smoking may increase the susceptibility to detrimental effects of other environmental exposures (chapters 2 and 4).
3. Occupational exposure is an important contributor to the global burden of COPD (this thesis).
4. Genetic variants may have different effects during different periods in life (chapter 6).
5. Genome-wide association studies should consider the environment (this thesis).
6. Genome-wide studies: power is silver, replication is gold, unraveling the functionality of SNPs will be the future (chapter 10: discussion).
7. There is always bias towards the known.
8. Often the epidemiological evidence comes first, and the etiological understanding comes later (Neil Pearce, WEON, 2013).
9. Modern genetic epidemiology has brought us a record number of authors and very low p-values (Frits Rosendaal, WEON, 2014).
10. One never notices what has been done; one can only see what remains to be done (Marie Curie).

Kim de Jong, Groningen, 22 September 2014